

Minutes of the Oracle Fire District public meeting held on July 6th 2009 at 1800 hours

Roll call: (18) Firefighters (2) Explorer(s) (5) CERTs (5) Public

Minutes of the past meeting were read and accepted by the Governing Board:

Operations Reports:

Treasurer's report: General account \$261,833.50, Payroll account \$16,034.95, Recreation account \$5,133.18, Volunteer Pension account \$194,536.27.

Drill schedule: July 9th and 14th at 1800 hours and July 19th at 0800 hours.

Vehicle report: None.

Explorer report: Update on current issues.

Call load report: June: 48 calls. Year to date: 316 calls.

New Business: Chief Ortiz was on vacation but was able to participate through a speaker phone.

The Governing Board decided to combine the annual public budget meeting with the general meeting. Copies of the 2009/2010 operations budget were offered to the audience for review. Several local citizens commented on the proposed budget, especially about the way it was constructed and advertised. The proposed budget contains basically the same information as the previous budget, but changes to the line items more closely follow our bookkeeping system, which makes it easier and more efficient to track expenditures. The tax rate will remain the same at \$2.61 per secondary hundred value of property assessment. A motion was made by Chief Ortiz to accept the proposed budget as written. The motion was seconded by Secretary Southard and passed by a vote of 2 ayes and 0 nays.

A new set of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG's) has been written and is ready to be presented to a committee which will be chaired by Chief Ramsay. The officers requested copies in paper form rather than an electronic version e-mailed to them.

Engine 4 has been donated to the Central Arizona Valley Institute of Technology to be used by high school students in a fire sciences academy.

A Firefighter I&II academy has been scheduled to begin here on September 12th. Three of our volunteers have requested to attend the five month long class. The academy is through Central Arizona College.

A CERT class will begin here on July 25th. Nine local citizens have signed up for the 20 hour class.

A local citizen has donated a weather station which meets the National Weather Service (NWS) standards. A software package will be purchased by the fire department to transmit weather data to NWS and to the OFD web site.

Seventeen firefighters who attended the meeting, voted to use \$2,500 from their recreation account to purchase a larger ice machine. The vote was unanimous.

The July Firefighter/CERT/Firewise Board annual picnic will be held on July 25th. Volunteers will be needed to help with setup, cleanup and events.

Next meeting: August 3rd at 1800 hours. Meeting adjourned at 1900 hours

Minutes approved by:

Chief Albert Ortiz _____ Date _____
Secretary Larry Southard _____ Date _____